## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)
PLAINTIFF,	) )
V.	) CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:07cv687-MEF
APPROXIMATELY TWELVE THOUSAND (\$12,000) DOLLARS IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY,	) ) )
DEFENDANT.	<i>)</i> )

## MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY BRIEF

Comes now the United States of America (United States), by and through Leura G. Canary, United States Attorney, Middle District of Alabama, and Tommie Brown Hardwick, Assistant United States Attorney, and requests a 30 day extension of time in which to file its reply brief, stating as follows:

- 1. This court's order of January 29, 2008, requires the United States to file a reply brief to Claimant's motion for summary judgment on or before February 12, 2008.
- 2. Assistant United States Attorney John T. Harmon retired effective January 31, 2008. The undersigned became lead counsel effective February 1, 2008. Additional time is necessary to research the issues in this case and prepare a response.
- 3. The undersigned counsel has spoken with Dustin Fowler, Claimant's attorney of record. Mr. Fowler noted his objection to the United States' motion for an extension of time in which to respond to Claimant's motion for summary judgment.

4. The United States requests that the time to file its reply brief be extended up to and including March 13, 2008.

Respectfully submitted this  $6^{th}$  day of February, 2008.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on February 6, 2008, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following: **Dustin Fowler**.

Respectfully submitted,

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